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O 211400Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY ROME
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4794
INFO AMCONSUL FLORENCE
AMCONSUL GENOA
AMCONSUL MILAN
AMCONSUL NAPLES

C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 8406

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, IT
SUBJECT: LOCKHEED SCANDAL

REF: STATE 117183

1. DURING MORNING MAY 21 EMBASSY WORKED OUT
TRANSLATION INTO ITALIAN OF TEXT PARA 1 REFTEL IN CONSULTATION
WITH DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR PIGNATELLI AND SEMPRINI OF FOREIGN
MINISTER FORLANI'S OFFICE.

2. HOWEVER, AS RESULT OF PIGNATELLI'S FINAL CONSULTATION
WITH PRESIDENT LEONE, EMBASSY WAS REQUESTED TO DELAY
RELEASE OF TEXT. PRESS PLAY HAS DROPPED OFF NOTICEABLE
ON THIS ISSUE IN LAST COUPLE OF DAYS AND MAY 21 PRESS
HAS NO COVERAGE. IN ADDITION, SUNDAY (MAY 22) PRESS DOES
NOT HAVE WIDE READERSHIP. ACCORDINGLY, PIGNATELLI
REQUESTED, AND EMBASSY AGREED, TO WITHHOLD RELEASE
UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK, AT TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY
THE SITUATION THEN PREVAILING.

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3. EMBASSY TOLD GOI THAT IT WOULD NOT MAKE UNSOLICITED
RELEASE OF TEXT, BUT RATHER WOULD USE IT ONLY IN
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS.

4. PIGNATELLI, ALSO ON BEHALF OF LEONE, REQUESTED
THAT TEXT OF DEPT. OF COMMERCE MEMO BE GIVEN TO
GOI ON GROUNDS THAT IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR

ASSESSING CONSEQUENCES TO ITALIAN INTERESTS OF MEMO.

5. FINALLY, LEONE RECOMMENDED THAT LAST SENTENCE BE SHORTENED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "MR. HOWARD STONE RETIRED AND DEPARTED FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE ON OCTOBER 5, 1975." IN THAT WAY, HE ASSERTED, IT WOULD BE EASIER TO AVOID FURTHER QUESTIONS AS TO WHAT STONE'S "ANY ACTIVITIES" MIGHT BE. GOI DEEMS SHORTER, DRIER VERSION TO BE MORE HELPFUL. BOTH (A) AND (B) OF TEXT WOULD THEN BE COMBINED INTO SINGLE, UNLETTERED SENTENCE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO GOI REQUESTS FOR TEXT OF COMMERCE MEMORANDUM AND FOR CHANGE IN TEXT OF PRESS STATEMENT AS DESCRIBED PARA 5. GARDNER

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